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SUBJECT:TWA SKYJACKING BY CROATIAN TERRORISTS

REF: STATE 225461

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SITREP AS OF 1:30 A.M. WASHINGTON
TIME. WOMAN HIJACKER LEFT PLANE AND MADE 3 TELEPHONE
CALLS TO A NEW YORK CITY NUMBER, WHICH FBI IS NOW TRYING
TO TRACE. SUBSTANCE OF 2 CALLS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
APPARENTLY CONVINCED HER THAT GROUP'S DEMANDS FOR PUBLICITY
HAD BEEN SATISFIED. SHE CONTACTED RINGLEADER OF HIJACKERS
ON AIRCRAFT FROM AIRPORT TOWER AND ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE
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HIM THAT DEMANDS HAD BEEN MET AND THAT HE SHOULD GIVE HIM-

SELF UP. HE WAS RELUCTANT AND TOOK A HARDLINE POSITION,
HOLDING OUT FOR FURTHER PROOF.

2. HIJACKERS HAVE SINCE DISCUSSED WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES
THE POSSIBILITY OF SURRENDERING THEMSELVES AS LONG AS
THEY WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO USG CUSTODY. THEY ARE NOW
CONSIDERING THEIR DECISION. THEY ARE AWARE OF DEATH OF
NYPD PATROLMAN AS A RESULT OF BOMB'S DETONATION DURING
ATTEMPT TO DISARM IT, FROM FACSIMILE OF FRONT PAGE OF NEW
YORK TIMES PROVIDED EARLIER AS PROOF THEIR DEMANDS HAVING

BEEN MET.

3. FYI: BOTH USG AND NEW YORK STATE HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY
WILL PRESS CHARGES OF HIJACKING AND MURDER, RESPECTIVELY,
AND WILL ASK FOR HIS EXTRADITION END FYI. DEPARTMENT
WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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